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M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2015

MPYE-010 : PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

- Note :** (i) *Answer all the five questions.*
(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*
(iii) *Answers to question no.1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*

1. Describe philosophy of religion and substantiate that religion is an essential aspect of human life. 20

OR

Totemism, Pantheism, Polytheism, Monotheism and Monism could be understood as the developing stages of religion and the understanding of the concept of God. Explain. 20

2. Explain in detail how Nietzsche, Marx and Freud (Masters of suspicion) understand religion. 20

OR

What is religious language ? "Religious Language participates in symbolizing the divinity". Discuss. 20

3. Answer **any two** of the following in about **250** words each :
- (a) What are the basic elements of any organised religion ? 10
 - (b) Explain the philosophical roots of modern atheism. 10
 - (c) Critically evaluate the agnostic approach to the reality of God. 10
 - (d) Give an exposition of the theories of evil from the Indian perspective. 10
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150** words each :
- (a) What are the important elements of Rituals ? 5
 - (b) Briefly explain the Marxian Materialism. 5
 - (c) What do you understand by Nirguna Brahman ? 5
 - (d) Describe John Hick's theodicy. 5
 - (e) What is the Visistadvaita understanding of Reality ? 5
 - (f) Briefly explain involution and evaluation. 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Neurotheology 4
 - (b) Sufism 4
 - (c) Sacred 4
 - (d) Symbolism of the centre 4
 - (e) Deism 4
 - (f) Bhakti movement 4
 - (g) Existential Theism 4
 - (h) Idealistic Theism 4